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Center for the Development of Women got underway yesterday



In an eloquent speech yesterday, Aruba's Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, made the following observations: Exactly 100 years ago, on March 19, 1911 the first International Day of Women

was held in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. More than 1 million men and women marched at different events campaigning for the rights of women to be gainfully employed, to have the right to vote, to be allowed participation in politics and to eliminate discrimination against women.

In 1975 during the year of the celebration of women, the United Nations decreed March 8th as the official International day of Women. Why a day dedicated to women? It is a day to reflect on how far women have come in their quest for equality, peace and socio-economic development, and how far we still have to go to enable all women worldwide to achieve these rights.

The situation of the Aruban woman can be measured through an analysis of the figures of our education, jobs sector, public health, social sector and even politics. In a general sense, Aruba's women have many opportunities for development in our community, yet at the same time there are some doors not quite fully open to be considered being equal to the opportunities afforded men.

The cardinal issue here is that our island is one where we can discuss the topic of the roll of women and men in our society, whereas in many other countries there can be no dialogue on this matter.

Whenever we speak of the rights of women, we are in fact talking about human rights which are often intertwined with the rights of children. This tells us that as a country we have an obligation to safeguard and protect and promote the rights of women for a healthy socio-economic development since this will affect us all.

In her recent visit to New York, Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer witnessed the inauguration of the UN Women organization, which is being led by former Chilean president, Michelle Bachelet. The reason for establishing this organization is because it has been observed that the development of women with respect to equality and empowerment is not advancing as it ought. UN Women will be working with countries worldwide to ensure that women's rights will advance more rapidly and that issues relevant to women would be supported at all levels.

The minister asserted that Aruba must also be active in this realm. For this reason, she claims, the Center for the Development of Women (CEDHEM) was created. This bureau will resort directly under the Ministry of Social Affairs. The responsibility of the Bureau will be to stimulate the development of women in Aruba with respect to the area of health, safety, education, finances, to name a few of the areas. Another area of importance will be to comply with the different treaties of the rights of women as well as the treaty of the rights of children.

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French court suspends Chirac graft trial

PARIS, France (AFP) - A French court yesterday suspended the trial of former president Jacques Chirac on charges of embezzling public funds as mayor of Paris in the 1990s, drawing criticism from anti-corruption campaigners.

Chirac, 78, the first former French president ever to go on trial, is accused of using the money to pay people working for his party ahead of his successful 1995 election bid. He has denied knowledge of any illegal payments.

Presiding judge Dominique Pauthe said he was suspending the hearings so that constitutional authorities can examine whether certain charges that date back nearly two decades are still admissible.

Chirac is the first French former head of state to face criminal charges since the leader of the collaborationist

wartime regime, Marshal Philippe Petain, was convicted of treason after World War II.

He is one of France's most popular political figures, best known abroad for opposing the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq.

Chirac did not attend the first hearings in the case on Monday and yesterday.

The current trial is the result of the merging of two separate cases -- one begun by magistrates in the Paris suburb of Nanterre in 1995, and another in Paris itself launched in 1998.

The judge agreed to a call by a lawyer for one of Chirac's co-defendants that the constitutional court be consulted to rule whether charges in the latter case were still admissible -- a process that may take several months.

In a statement from his office, Chirac denied claims that he was behind the motion to postpone the trial, which was made by Jean-Yves Le Borgne, acting for one of Chirac's former chiefs of staff.

Coptic Christian killed in Cairo sectarian clashes

CAIRO, Egypt (AFP) - A Coptic Christian was killed in clashes with Muslims in Cairo the same day at least 1,000 Christians gathered there to protest the burning of a church last week, a hospital official said.

The death of Mina Fares Hanna occurred in the poor working-class district of Moqattam, but no further details were immediately available.

Fighting broke out mid-afternoon when dozens of Muslims showed up in Moqattam, inhabited by Copts who work as garbage collectors and who had blocked a main north-south artery in the capital.

People threw rocks from both sides and witnesses said soldiers at the scene fired shots into the air to disperse the crowds.

Earlier on Copts had protested in central Cairo against the burning of a church south of the capital after deadly clashes between Christians and Muslims, state television said.

The protest outside the radio and television building came a day after at least 2,000 angry Christians demanded the

re-building of the torched church, and that those responsible be brought to justice.

The Shahedain (Two Martyrs) church, in the Helwan provincial city of Sol, was set fire on Friday after clashes between Coptic Christians and Muslims that left two people dead.

The violence was triggered by a feud between two families, which disapproved of a romantic relationship between a Christian man and a Muslim woman in Sol.

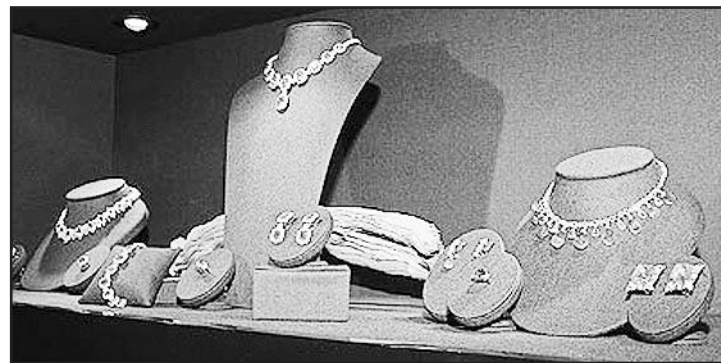
On Monday, Egypt's ruling military council vowed to have the church rebuilt and to prosecute those behind the arson

attack.

There is a long history of animosity between Copts and Muslims in Egypt, though there have been recent signs of a rapprochement following a deadly New Year's Day bombing of a church in Alexandria and during the recent popular revolt that unseated long-time president Hosni Mubarak.

Twenty-one people died and dozens more were wounded when what was believed to be a suicide bomb blew himself up just after midnight on New Year's as worshippers left a church in Alexandria.

Stolen gems worth millions found near Paris



Luxury Harry Winston jewellery offered to stars for the Oscars

PARIS, France (AFP) - French police said they had recovered rings and earrings worth millions of euros, part of jewellery stolen in a heist in Paris in December 2008.

In all 19 rings, one worth six million euros (\$8.3 million dollars), and three pairs of earrings, together worth 14 million euros, were found at a house in the suburbs of Paris, the Paris police headquarters said.

They were part of an 85 million euro haul stolen in a record burglary from jeweller Harry Winston's shop off the Champs Elysees in the centre

of Paris on December 4, 2008.

Four armed criminals, in some cases disguised as women and knowing the names and personal addresses of some of the shop's staff and the exact whereabouts of strong boxes, carried out their burglary in the space of 15 minutes.

The jewels discovered this week had been set in concrete and hidden in a drain, police said.

Police have detained and questioned 25 people in connection with the theft and say that "half the haul has been recovered".

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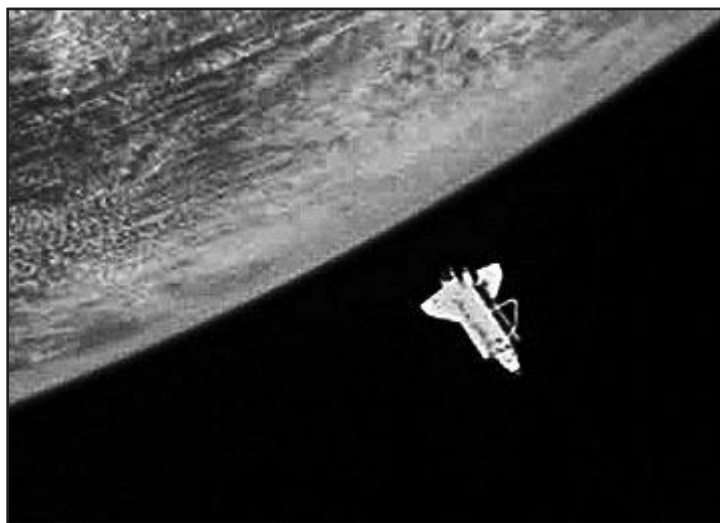
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The space shuttle Discovery departs the International Space Station (ISS) seen in this March 7, 2011 NASA TV image. Six US astronauts are wrapped their mission at the International Space Station. AFP PHOTO

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Parent meeting at Colegio San Augustin

Colegio San Augustin teachers announce to all parents whose children assist to abovementioned school, that tomorrow, March 10, there will be a parent meeting for students who received a low grade report card. The meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m..

Parents are requested to come early so the meeting can start and finish on time

Manrique Capriles donates condoms to Women's Club for Carnaval 57



An annual custom during Carnaval season is the Women's Club of Aruba's campaign for safe sex. This year, as usual, Manrique Capriles & Sons has again donated the well-known condom brand, Durex, for members of the Women's Club of Aruba to distribute during the various Carnaval parades and events.

Members of the Youth Parliament were in charge of the distribution of 10,000 condoms together with members of the "I love my Body" group, which also encourages youth to be aware and cautious of irresponsible behavior during these days.

With this gesture, manage-

ment of Manrique Capriles & Sons hopes to make a difference in promoting health conscientious islanders who understand what they must do to avoid any number of STD's, especially HIV/AIDS.

Women's Club of Aruba extends its gratitude towards Manrique Capriles & Sons and members of the Youth Parliament for their help in raising awareness and making Carnaval much safer.

Photo shows Manrique Capriles representative Nidia Boye together with Women's Club of Aruba AIDS Committee member Mrs. Milagros Posner.



Four things to turn him back on to you!

Part III

Last edition I shared with you the first of four keys to help rekindle the fire in your relationship. The first of four things one must do when a man suddenly goes cold and aloof in a relationship is recognize the importance of being playful. A real man wants a woman who is playful! If you did not see that article, I suggest you call the office of The Morning News or go online and download it.

Briefly, recapping here... if a man is being active and engaging in a playful game with you while there is also some kind of touching involved... it's a magic combination that's sure to raise the attraction level up several notches. Find ways to play together, it could be some sort of sports. Maybe you could play ping-pong together, or pool. Men respond marvelously when they have to undertake an action, but they detest talking, and more talking.

For the sake of space I cannot repeat the explanation I offered in that last article. I must hasten to the second key in this article today.

KEY NUMBER TWO... a real man wants a woman who is independent! You'd be surprised to learn that many women have the mistaken notion that men are looking for "weak" women to make them feel stronger and smarter and more powerful, and more wonderful! But all the research



shows that this is absolutely wrong. Good men, mature men, not boys mind you, men; are not looking to a woman to validate their lives and their significance. Real men don't need a woman that they can overpower to make them feel good about them. Instead, these real men want a woman who can inspire them by the things the woman has going on in her life. Real men want a woman who motivates them because she is thinking and doing great things. The energy and positive attitude of a woman becomes contagious to a man. Her active life sparks energy in his life and miraculously draws him closer to her! When he sees that she has purpose and is inspired by this and that she is experiencing fulfillment from what she is doing, this inspires the man and gives him a special

kind of appreciation and a desire for closeness to that kind of woman.

You see, research has proven that women who have a purpose that inspires them, often quickly resort to believing that men are intimidated by their success...and the research also indicates that in fact men don't mind that a woman has a great career or that her take-home pay is more than his...it shows that men, on the contrary are very proud of the woman in their lives who has a great career!

What pushes a man away, however, is that independent woman who is totally consumed by her work and career and who has no space in her schedule for intimacy, for closeness with her man. Every woman, no matter her career, must allow for ample time and space in her life for her man. And, let me hasten to say, that this applies to men as well...make time, ample time, in your life for your woman!

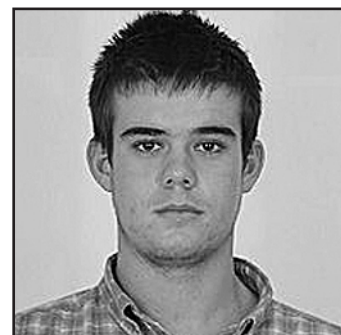
Remember, real men want a woman who is independent, but one who combines her independence with ample time for being close to her man. Don't get totally wrapped up in your job, your career for within days you will push him away! Next time I will conclude this series with the last two keys to winning back an aloof and cold man. Let me know if this was helpful: themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com.

Defense for Joran van der Sloot seeks 3-5 year sentence for Peru murder

LIMA, Peru -- Joran van der Sloot's defense attorney in Peru tells a news program they are seeking three to five years prison time for the killing of Stephany Flores.

Joran van der Sloot's lawyer said that his client killed young woman Stephany Flores out of "violent emotion" and not with intent, therefore asking that van der Sloot not be judged for aggravated homicide, avoiding a 25-year prison sentence.

"When Ms. Stephany Flores was digging through information on van der Sloot's



computer, she realized that he had had previous problems with the death of Natalee Holloway. We are stating that this produced Joran's violent reaction. They began to argue and push one another, and that is

what led to everything that we all know now happened," said attorney Máximo Altez.

Being judged for the crime of "homicide of violent emotion," van der Sloot would only receive three to five years in prison. "This is what we are asking for. In any case, the courts will be able to choose between simple or aggravated homicide," Altez said.

Furthermore, the lawyer stated that the Dutch man has not yet testified due to the fact that he has not been provided with an officially qualified translator.

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Waldy Simson moves limits with "Women"

With the production of the work of art "Women" Aruban artist Waldy Simson has "pushed the envelope" in his particularly favorite medium, leaded glass.

Measuring 105 x 77 cm makes "Women" the largest piece Simson has ever produced, requiring 186 pieces of glass, which is also the most he has ever deployed for a single work. Prior to "Women," his largest creation was titled "30," which is comprised of 127 glass parts.

Waldy designed "Women"

while he was living in the Netherlands; it was produced in Suriname and finally unveiled to the public at the National Library of Aruba in Oranjestad.

"Women" consists of two orange colored female figures looking to each other, surrounded by red roses with yellow stems. The women symbolize ideal beauty in an ideal ambience, which is fortified by nearly colorless glass with dark blue stains; the intention is an intense sense of movement, symbolizing life.

Simson feels with the completion of "Women" he has proved in a visible and tangible way he can surpass the limitations of working within this medium; "exceptional glass-works can be developed, particularly with the guidance by God, creativity, craftsmanship, an enormous amount of patience, firm believe in one's own ability and that special rapport between the artist and his materials."

"Women" is part of an upcoming exhibition at the Cas di Cultura titled "Waldy Simson-

20 Aña den Arte," which will open Saturday, March 26th and remain on display until Tuesday the 29th.

In celebration of his 20th anniversary as a successful working artist, Simson has published beautiful color renderings of "Women," as well. For more information about purchasing a framed color copy, contact Waldy Simson at 562-6581 or 585-7472 or via e-mail: waldysimson@hotmail.com.



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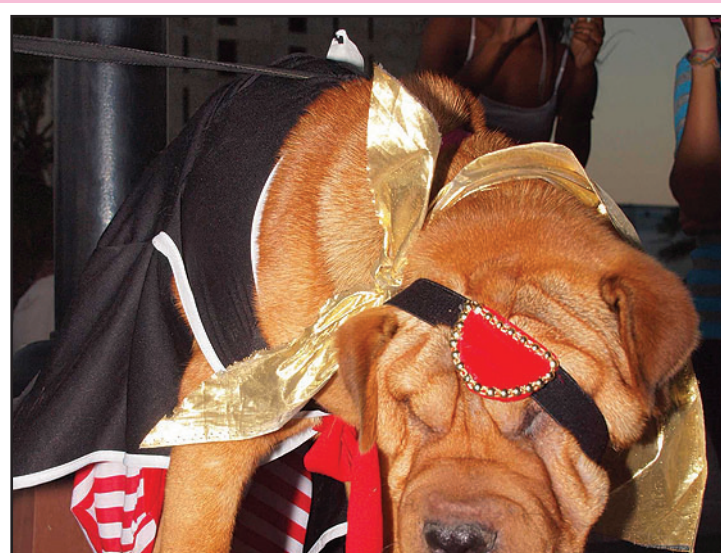
A frenzy of carnival events took place on Aruba this past week, but those who attended will attest that one of the cutest was the Doggy Carnival Pawrade on Tuesday, March 1, conducted by the Cas Animal Foundation. Over 60 dogs marched through parking lots

down Irausquin Boulevard in Palm Beach to gather in the parking lot of the Palm Beach Plaza Shopping Center for the judges to select Carnival Queens and Prins & Panchos in large and small breed categories plus best costume. Winners went home with bags of Benefel dog food donated by Romar Trading after the crowning of canine carnival royalty.

Though many that came in costume were known pure breeds, the event had its share of what are known locally as "Cunucu Dogs" such as Pancho Scooby. These mixed breeds are the result from long years of unchecked mating and unwanted puppies that result in the strays that haunt the garbage dump or seek some-

thing to eat from kind tourists around the hotels, and fortunately, are fed.

Since coming to live on Aruba 14 years ago, Kiki Arndt, founder of Cas Animal, has made it her mission in life to take stray dogs and cats off the streets; sick, victims of hit and run car accidents, or abuse, she nurses them back to health while rehabilitating them psychologically from mistreatment, with a strict no-kill policy. She now houses 72 dogs and 11 puppies in her home, and has sold all her personal property and two homes that provided her rent income to raise the funds to build a proper facility on land she has been awarded by the government. The Doggy Pawrade had two goals: to raise funds to complete the facility and awareness regarding the humane and proper treatment of dogs. A large number of island dog lovers greatly anticipated this event, but unfortunately, last minute confusion and miscommunication resulted in far less participants than what was hoped for.



a very wrinkly pirate

Kiki's costs for care and feeding of the 80+ dogs in her care are astronomical, and all donations are appreciated. For information call 565-2130 or 742-8732. Kiki also maintains a free Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office when their owners are unable to do so as well as rescuing dogs off the streets. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the

name of Cas Animal.

If one of Aruba's handsome and fiercely loyal Cunucu dogs have stolen your heart or attracted your attention, contact Kiki for assistance in adopting or helping them. Island visitors returning home with a new family member is not as rare as one might think, and Kiki will gladly walk you through the process.

by Rosalie Klein

Sci-Tech

Scientists warn of 'dangerous over-reliance' on GPS

LONDON (AFP) — Developed nations have become "dangerously over-reliant" on satellite navigation systems such as GPS, which could break down or be attacked with devastating results, British engineers said Tuesday.

The Royal Academy of Engineering said the application of the technology was now so broad -- from car sat-navs to the time stamp on financial transactions -- that without adequate backup, any disruption could have a major impact.

It cited a recent European Commission study showing that six to seven percent of economic growth in western countries -- about 800 billion euros (\$1,100 billion) in the EU -- is already dependent on such navigation.

"Society may already be dangerously over-reliant on satellite radio navigation systems like GPS (the US's Global Positioning System),"

it said.

Disruption could come from technological problems or from deliberate interference, by criminals using small-scale jammers to avoid road tolls or block the tracking of cargo, or terrorists seeking to attack entire systems.

The report also warns of political interference, such as when North Korea reportedly recently disrupted South Korean military communications.

"A significant failure of GPS could cause lots of services to fail at the same time, including many that are thought to be completely independent of each other," said Martyn Thomas, who led the academy's work on the issue.

The US-operated Global Positioning System is currently used for everything from commercial aircraft and the tracking of cargo to the opening of train doors at stations.

The report said all these are vulnerable, with consequences ranging from "the inconvenient -- such as passenger information system failures -- to possible loss of life -- such as interruptions to emergency services communications".

It urges greater awareness of the security risks by key services, tougher action on the sale of cheap jammers -- although they are already illegal in the EU -- and efforts to boost the resilience of antenna and receivers.

The expansion of alternative satellite navigation systems to GPS such as Europe's Galileo system or the Russian-developed GLONASS should help, Thomas said.

"But many of the vulnerabilities we have identified in this report will remain. No one has a complete picture of the many ways in which we have become dependent on weak signals 12,000 miles above us," he added.

Japan vending machines to charge electric cars

TOKYO (AFP) — Ten Japanese companies said this week they plan to install electric vehicle chargers at the sites of beverage vending machines across Japan in a cost-cutting tie-up.

The consortium includes Forking Co., a major vending machine operator, and Panasonic Electric Works which will develop and produce electric vehicle chargers with rivals.

Forking has business ties with companies which own a combined 1.2 million vending machines across Japan, or about a half of the national total, company official Reiko Kobayashi said.

The firms plan to install some 10,000 electric vehicle chargers at the sites of the vending machines in the first year of the project, which is due to start at the end of March, she added.

Charging machines "will be installed where beverage vending machines already exist or together with new ones. There are various options," she said.

SoftBank Telecom and SoftBank Mobile are due to provide telecom services to connect the charging systems, the group said in a press release.

Automakers such as Nissan, which launched its all-electric Leaf last year, are gambling that electric cars with zero tailpipe emissions will catch on and, some time in the future, start to drive traditional gas-guzzlers off the road.

But many consider the lack of a charging network as the key obstacle to the proliferation of electric vehicles, prompting consumer concerns such as "range-anxiety", or the fear that their cars will run out of juice between charging points.





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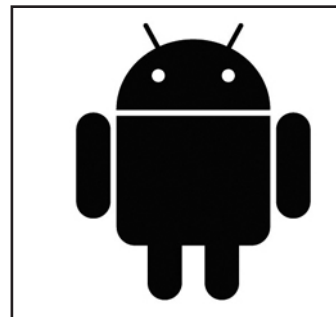
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Android tops BlackBerry in US: comScore



WASHINGTON (AFP) — Google's Android has surged past BlackBerry maker Research In Motion to become the leading smartphone platform in the United States, market tracking firm comScore said Monday.

Google's Android operating system captured the top spot in the United States for the first time with a 31.2 per-

cent smartphone market share for the three months ending in January, comScore said.

RIM was next with a 30.4 percent market share, followed by Apple with 24.7 percent, Microsoft with 8.0 percent and Palm with 3.2 percent.

According to comScore, 234 million Americans owned mobile devices at the end of January and 65.8 million owned smartphones.

Samsung was the top handset manufacturer overall with a 24.9-percent share of the US market, comScore said, followed by LG with 20.8 percent, Motorola with 16.5 percent, RIM with 8.6 percent and Apple with 7.0 percent.

Iceland eyeing giant cable to sell power to Europe

REYKJAVIK (AFP) — Iceland is considering building the world's longest sub-sea electric cable to allow it to sell its geothermal and volcanic energy to Europe, the country's largest energy company said this weekday.

"This project started last year and the current phase of research should be finished by the end of the year... We will (then) have clearer information about the feasibility of the project," Landsvirkjun spokeswoman Ragna Sara Jonsdottir told AFP, adding that a final decision on the project would likely come within four to five years.

After taking a hit when its Eyjafjoell volcano last year paralysed European skies for weeks with a massive cloud of volcanic ash, Iceland is seeking to instead draw benefits from its geology with the cable, which would allow it to sell energy extracted from geothermal sources like volcanoes and geysers.

"Among things being studied is the destination country. Potential countries include Britain, Norway, Holland and Germany," Jonsdottir said.

Depending on the destination country, the cable would

be between 1,200 and 1,900 kilometres (745-1,180 miles) long, making it "the longest sub-sea cable in the world."

The project aims for the exportation of some five terawatt-hours (or five billion kilowatt-hours) each year, Jonsdottir said.

At current power prices in Europe, that corresponds to between 250 and 320 million euros (\$350-448 million) in exports annually, and is enough to cover the average annual consumption of 1.25 million European households.

"The idea is to meet demand during peak hours in Europe, as well as some base load," Jonsdottir said, refusing to estimate how much the project might cost to implement.

Landsvirkjun, which is state-owned, produces about 75 percent of all electricity in Iceland.

Iceland, which was especially hard-hit by the global financial crisis and saw all its major banks collapse at the end of 2008, has been searching for ways to boost its economy, which had been heavily dependent on the bloated financial sector and is now mainly based on fishing.



An employee of Japan's robot suit venture Cyberdyne wears the new optical topography device that displays brain activity with 64 LEDs for each channel in Tokyo on March 8, 2011. The new brain-machine-interface (BMI) device has been developed for the real-time analysis of brain activity that is displayed with changing differently coloured LEDs. (AFP PHOTO)

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Gadgets ruining people's sleep: study



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – A study released indicated that people in the United States are losing sleep over their gadgets.

All but five percent of people surveyed as part of a National Sleep Foundation poll said they played videogames, watched television, or used smartphones or laptop computers in the hour before going to bed.

"This study reveals that light-emitting screens are in heavy use within the pivotal hour before sleep," said doctor Charles Czeisler of Harvard Medical School.

"Invasion of such alerting technologies into the bedroom may contribute to the high proportion of respondents who reported that they routinely get less sleep than they need."

Being bathed in the glow of monitors or handset screens suppresses the release of sleep-promoting hormone melatonin and enhances alertness, making it more difficult to sleep, according to Czeisler.

The poll showed that 43 percent of people ages 13 to 64 felt they rarely or never got a decent night's sleep during the work week.

Older people were more inclined to watch television while younger people were more likely to opt for computers, smartphones or videogames, according to the survey.

"Over the last 50 years, we've seen how television viewing has grown to be a near constant before bed, and now we are seeing new information technologies such as laptops, cell phones, videogames and music devices rapidly gaining the same status," said Lauren Hale of Stony Brook University Medical Center.

"The higher use of these potentially more sleep-disruptive technologies among younger generations may have serious consequences for physical health, cognitive development and other measures of well-being."

Researchers suspected that using smartphones, computers and video game consoles was more stimulating than passively watching television and would make it even harder for people to fall asleep.

Sleep-deprived gadget users were using caffeine and naps to cope with fatigue, according to the poll.

Health & Living

Down's syndrome test breakthrough 'on the horizon'



– Farah, a 10-year-old child with Down's Syndrome, sits inside a classroom at al-Rajaa Institute for Special Needs in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AFP) – A less risky non-invasive procedure based on maternal DNA to diagnose Down's syndrome could be generally available to pregnant women by 2013, a Cyprus researcher said.

"Down's Syndrome, or Trisomy 21, is the most common cause of mental retardation with an incidence of one in 600 births," Philippos Patsalis of the Institute of Neurology and Genetics in Nicosia told reporters.

"This method can apply to all pregnancies not only those at risk," he added, describing it as "one of the most important milestones in the history of the institute."

He said the cheaper and quicker method of blood sam-

pling rather than collecting fluid from the womb will encourage more couples to take the test and therefore slowly eradicate the disease.

"There is no cure, so this is a test for couples who want to know and prevent it, they are the ones who must decide on the fate of the pregnancy."

Invasive procedures currently used for prenatal diagnosis -- in the 16th week of pregnancy -- pose a one percent risk of foetal loss.

The diagnosis is therefore only made available to high risk women, which fails to catch all cases.

"Over the last few years, scientists have been looking for a new, non-invasive method, offered to all pregnancies and not associated with any risk of miscarriage," the 48-year-old doctor said.

The preliminary report, published in the journal Nature Medicine, is the latest of several recent studies that indicate scientists can detect Down's syndrome through simple DNA blood tests.

Patsalis said the new test would be faster as it could take less than five days to obtain results, while not requiring specialised or complex lab equipment or know-how.

"The test can be easily in-

troduced into every genetic diagnostic lab in the world," he said.

Down's syndrome is caused by having an extra copy of chromosome 21 and the risk increases as a woman gets older.

Currently, pregnant women receive blood tests and ultrasound to find out if the foetus is at risk before invasive action is taken for a definite diagnosis.

The latest research involved scientists in Cyprus, Greece and Britain using a sample of women with Greek ethnic origin.

A larger scale clinical study using 1,000 women of different ethnic origin -- to test the current 100 percent accuracy levels -- is now being prepared to take place in Europe, Japan, Australia and the United States.

Patsalis said his team is also researching modifying the method so it can be used to test for other genetic diseases such as cystic fibrosis.

In the trial, Patsalis' team correctly diagnosed 14 cases where there were extra copies of chromosome 21, and 26 normal cases.

There is no such commercial test available to pregnant women.



treatment and the relationship of falls to fractures," Winters-Stone, who is also a member of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute in Portland, said in a journal news release.

"Our findings add to growing evidence that fall risk is increased in breast cancer survivors and that vestibular function may underpin associations between breast cancer treatment and falls," she added.

Health Tip:

Stress May Cause Physical Symptoms

-- Significant stress can lead to health problems or exacerbate those you already have, the American Academy of Family Physicians says.

Do you always realize when you're under stress? The academy notes these possible warning signs:

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- Stomach upset, diarrhea or constipation.
- Feeling tired much of the time.
- Difficulty sleeping.
- Feeling short of breath.
- High blood pressure.
- Stiffness in the jaw or neck.
- Weight loss or gain.



Chemo May Raise Risk of Falls in Breast Cancer Survivors

-- Breast cancer survivors may be at increased risk for falls and broken bones due to the combined effects of chemotherapy and endocrine therapy, a new study suggests.

Researchers looked at 59 postmenopausal breast cancer survivors, and found that 58 percent of them had experienced a fall in the year before the start of the study and 47 percent had a fall during the six-month study period.

Those rates are much higher than the 25 percent to 30 percent annual fall rate reported for community-dwelling adults over 65 years old, noted Kerri M. Winters-Stone, an associate professor and associate scientist at Ore-

gon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing, and colleagues.

Balance was the only difference between breast cancer survivors who fell and those who did not. The researchers said their findings also suggest that balance problems may be due to chemotherapy-related changes in the vestibular system, which is involved in balance and spatial orientation.

The study is scheduled for publication in the April issue of the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

"Falls in breast cancer survivors are understudied and deserve more attention, particularly in light of the increase in fractures after breast cancer



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"I Love My Body" Campaign a success and Minister is pleased



Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, Minister of Social Affairs who also has the Foundation for Family Planning under her watch, together with Richard Visser, Minister of Public Health and the White Yellow Cross who spearheaded the "I Love My Body" project were very pleased with the support received from all those who supported the campaign and made it a great success.

This campaign had as objective to influence young people's behavior from a positive angle. The slogan was intended to help improve the self esteem of young people, so as to encourage young people to believe in themselves, to healthy self love and to determine to stand fast in taking right decisions that would affect their future. The message was well received throughout the community by young and old. Most of our secondary schools received short speeches concerning the campaign

during the entire carnival period.

The musical jingle and its lyrics were also well received. And, the accompanying T-Shirts became a hot item, with almost 20 thousand T-Shirts distributed, which was a historic record for those involved in the T-Shirt production.

The efforts vested in the campaign by the government, commerce, volunteers and educators are what made this campaign such a success. This is the beginning of what will be successive efforts to continue inspiring our young people. The minister was full of praise for all those involved in the campaign.



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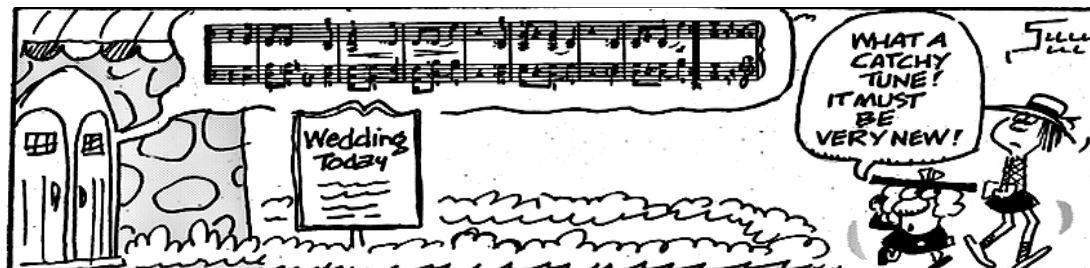
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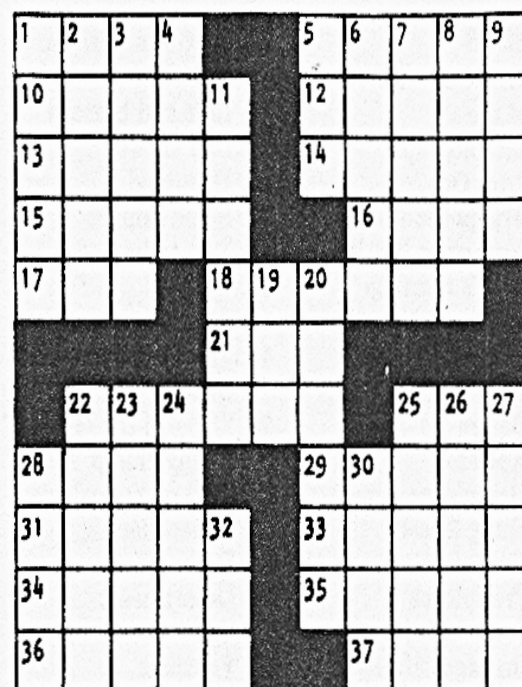
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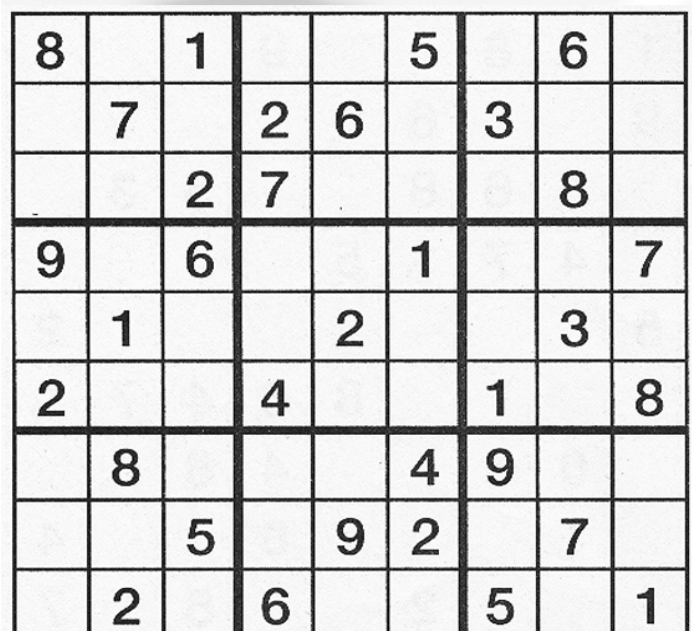
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World oil supply 'very adequate': Saudi minister

RIYADH (AFP) – Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said that crude oil available in the global market is "very adequate" and that the kingdom has extra output capacity of 3.5 million barrels per day if needed.

"Current supplies in the market are very adequate, and there is an extra output capacity that could be used if needed," he was quoted by state news agency SPA as saying.

"Recent crude prices do not reflect the fundamentals of supply and demand in the oil market as much as they are caused by financial speculation," he added.

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German central bank sees 2.5% growth this year:

FRANKFURT (AFP) – The German central bank said that a pick up in domestic demand and sustained exports should drive growth of around 2.5 percent this year for Europe's largest economy.

The German government has forecast growth of 2.3 percent following a record expansion of 3.6 percent in 2010 and the country's worst post-war recession which saw the economy shrink 4.7 percent in 2009.

German goods such as machine tools used by Asian countries to produce consumer products have been in demand during the global economic rebound and luxury automobiles have also fared well.

Data released by the national statistics office showed Tuesday that industrial orders bounced back 2.9 percent in January, with the strongest rise seen in domestic demand.

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EU strikes deal to sanction sovereign Libya fund:

BRUSSELS (AFP) – The European Union agreed to slap new sanctions on Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi's regime, notably targeting the Libyan Investment Authority (LIA) -- the overseas investment vehicle for Tripoli's oil revenues.

The new sanctions on five economic "entities" also including the Libyan Central Bank were agreed at the expiry of a deadline for verbal objections, several EU diplomats told AFP, awaiting rubber-stamping by government's in writing.

A spokesman for Hungary's EU chair confirmed an agreement in principle had been reached on sanctions but declined to name those targeted.

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Tourism recovery in the Caribbean shows mixed signals



The Caribbean is experiencing a slow uptick in arrivals, with most countries registering tourist arrivals growth in the first nine months of 2010, according to the Caribbean Tourism Report published by Research & Markets. Growth in most countries was in the 3.0-5.0 percent year-on-year (y-o-y) range, which was an improvement from growth rates in the first half of the year.

This is particularly notable as there has traditionally been a reduction in tourist arrivals in

Q3 following the beginning of the hurricane season in June.

Countries that experienced particularly high tourist arrival growth were Anguilla (10.7 percent), the British Virgin Islands (8.6

percent), Guyana (8.1 percent), St Lucia (15.4 percent) and St Eustatius (11.6 percent).

The countries still experiencing declines in tourist arrivals were Antigua and Barbuda (-1.4 percent), Bermuda (-1.1 percent), Curacao (-7.5 percent), Grenada (-7.9 percent), Montserrat (-8.4 percent) and St Vincent and the Grenadines (-2.1 percent).

This suggests that tourists are returning to the larger and better developed countries first, such as the Dominican

Republic (+3.5 percent) and Cuba (+3.4 percent). That said, the growth trend does appear to have been established and we expect all countries to return to growth in 2011, particularly given the fillip of the high season over the Christmas and New Year period.

In October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist as a country, instead splitting into five new entities: Curacao, Bonaire, Saba, St Maarten and St Eustatius. Previously, the Netherlands Antilles had been a country within the kingdom of the Netherlands, with funding and tourism projects treated accordingly.

Most of the islands have recovered well from the downturn, with the exception of Curacao, which experienced a decline in arrivals of 7.5 percent y-o-y in 9M10. By contrast, arrivals to Bonaire grew by 6.8 percent, Saba by 2.5 percent, St Eustatius by an impressive 11.6 percent and St Maarten by 3.4 percent.

Arab turmoil, Dubai glut are risk to UAE economy: IMF

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Turbulence across the Arab world and Dubai's ongoing property glut pose risks to the United Arab Emirates's economic recovery, the International Monetary Fund said.

The oil-rich Gulf federation also needs to shore up its powerful government-backed firms that were at the center of its boom and bust through write-offs of bad assets and greater transparency in their financial situations, the IMF said.

After being hit hard, especially in Dubai, by the 2008-2009 financial shock, the UAE economy should grow by 3.25 percent in 2011, with a good pickup in the non-oil sector, the Washington-based institution said in a mission report.

"The economic recovery is gaining strength, supported by a favorable global environment but subject to increased regional uncertainty," it said.

"Risks to the recovery remain, including from possible economic spillovers of regional events... The excess supply of

property in Dubai and the uncertainty regarding its size will continue to weigh on growth."

The IMF warned that the current reevaluation of political and sovereign debt risk in countries in the region could bring "more challenging market conditions" which could impact businesses, including state firms, known as GREs, which it said had "substantial" debt rollover requirements.

The UAE's close neighbors Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Yemen and Oman have all experienced political turbulence at varying levels in the past month.

UAE banks -- the heart of a growing regional financial center -- are resilient, thanks to capital support mainly from the government. But the IMF pointed out that non-performing loans have doubled since the financial crisis broke.

The central bank "should continue to ensure that banks provision adequately, particularly in light of in-

creasing provisioning needs on Dubai GREs," it said.

The IMF also said that more attention needed to be focused on GRE-related risks.

Dubai's economy has begun growing again on a resurgence of trade, tourism and other services, but last year the property sector contracted by five percent, a government official said late last year.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



miniums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are al-

making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shop-ping services so cupboards and refriGerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condo-

ready enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast,



The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Keshi Yena with plantains and vegetables

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!



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Oprah denies she'll host Cairo show



CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) — A bedridden Oprah Winfrey took to Twitter to quell reports that she's planning to host a live show in Cairo's Tahrir Square, the epicenter of a revolution that ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak.

"In bed with flu since Oscar show. Hearing reports that I'm taking show to Cairo. NOT TRUE. Have no plans to do so," the talk show queen tweeted.

Egypt's new tourism minister Munir Fakhri Abdelnour was quoted by the state-owned Al-Ahram newspaper as saying Winfrey had accepted an invitation "without hesitation."

"The plan is for her to broadcast a live show from Tahrir Square on a Friday in March, but the date has not been finalized," the mass-circulation paper said.

It was part of a campaign to revive tourism in Egypt after the huge uprising that forced Mubarak to resign on February 11 after 30 years in power, the paper said.

A spokeswoman for Oprah's Harpo Studios also denied the report.

"There are no plans for Ms. Winfrey or the show to broadcast from an international location before the program's finale in May," Angela DePaul said in an e-mailed statement.

In December, Winfrey made her first tapings outside North America, recording a series of episodes in Australia

culminating in a finale at the specially renamed Sydney "Oprah House."

Winfrey launched the OWN cable network, aired in 145 countries around the world, in January as she winds down the 25th and final season of the popular Oprah Winfrey Show on ABC.

Lady Gaga eyes legal action over breast milk ice cream

LONDON, England (AFP) — Lawyers for US pop icon Lady Gaga have threatened legal proceedings against the makers of breast milk ice cream named "Baby Gaga", according to papers seen by AFP.

The New York singer's lawyers have given the manufacturers until 1600 GMT Wednesday to change the name "if you wish to avoid proceedings for trade mark infringement and passing off", according to a letter addressed to London restaurant The Ice-creamists Limited.

The cafe in the trendy Covent Garden district must also "cease and desist from in any other way associating with Lady Gaga any ice cream you are offering," said the letter from law firm Mishcon de Reya.

The letter accuses The Ice-creamists of "taking unfair advantage of, and riding on the coattails of" Lady Gaga's trademarks in a manner that is "deliberately provocative and, to many people, nausea-inducing".

The ice cream has proved a big hit, with the first batch sold out within days of going on sale. It is made with milk expressed by 15 women who replied to an advertisement posted on an online mothers' forum.

Each serving costs £14 and is brought out by waitresses wearing flamboyant costumes, something Lady Gaga is well-known for.

But it is now off the menu after Westminster City Council, the local authority, seized the ice cream for health and safety checks.

214 arrested for urinating in Rio's Carnival streets

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AFP) — More than 200 people have been arrested during Rio's Carnival that is under way for relieving themselves in the street, underlining authorities' determination to clean up the city that will be host to the 2016 Olympic Games.

"Two hundred and fourteen people have been arrested over the weekend... We are going to constantly fight those urinating in the street. Such a lack of respect for the city and its citizens is unacceptable," the municipal official in charge public order, Alex Costa, told the G1 news website.

The detentions follow on from last year, when authorities launched a campaign to stop the widespread practice of beer-swilling Carnival revelers -- most of them men -- answering the call of nature in doorways, between cars and other public areas.

In tandem with their "Zero Tolerance for Pissing," as the campaign is called, they have established portable toilets in many of the most popular areas.

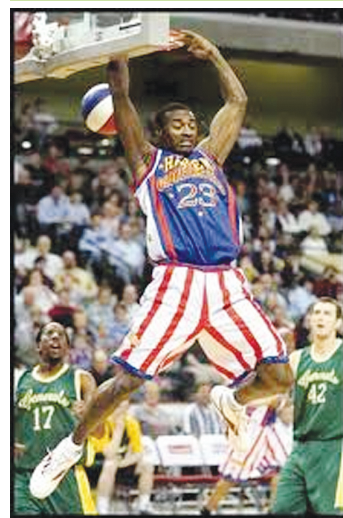


The amenities were mostly used by festival-goers taking part in "blocos," the free neighborhood parties where thousands gather to dance samba and drink and flirt.

Still, long lines at the toilets prompted many to complain to there weren't enough to meet the pressing demand. Despite the risk of arrest, several people were still seen taking a leak in out-of-the-way corners.

Authorities have promised to increase the number of portable toilets in the future.

Globetrotters: not your average basketball cases



FAIRFAX, Virginia (AFP) — Eighty-five years after starting life in a Chicago ballroom where business was slow, the Harlem Globetrotters are still innovators in the game of basketball and the world of showbiz.

The team that made former Pope John Paul II an honorary member, helped to develop the slam dunk -- when a player leaps into the air and slams the ball into the net -- and performs skits on the court is due to kick off its 51st tour of Europe with a game in Frankfurt, Germany on March 18.

From there, the players, their mascot Globie, his big brother and a back-up crew of entertainers who number some of the best break-dancers ever to grace a basketball court, will visit 42 European cities in two months, including 10 in France, nine in Britain and eight in Italy.

Also on the cards is a week's visit to the United Arab Emirates in April.

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New Zealand crush Pakistan, Broad Cup KO



Ross Taylor of New Zealand receives the 'Man of the Match' award during the New Zealand v Pakistan 2011 ICC World Cup Group A match

NEW DELHI, March 8, 2011 (AFP) - New Zealand crushed Pakistan on Tuesday in a ruthless display dominated by century-maker Ross Taylor as injury-jinxed England lost key paceman Stuart Broad for the rest of the World Cup.

Taylor, celebrating his 27th birthday, scored 131 runs off just 124 balls with eight fours and seven sixes, to take New Zealand to 302 for seven in their 50 overs at Pallekele stadium in Sri Lanka.

In an orgy of power-hitting Taylor took the bowling apart, helped by Nathan McCullum, with 19 from 10 balls, and Jacob Oram, who smashed 25 from just nine deliveries.

Before he had even opened his account, Taylor received a huge let-off when an edge flew between wicket-keeper and first slip, and in the same over 'keeper Kamran Akmal put down a straightforward chance when he was on eight.

Pakistan lost control as New Zealand went on the rampage, with pace spearhead Shoaib Akhtar carted for 70 runs in his nine overs and Abdul Razzaq going for 49 runs from just four.

Pakistan, who came into the match with a 100 percent record, never looked like get-

ting anywhere near their target, slumping to 66-6 before a late rally led by Razzaq, who hit 62.

Tim Southee was the pick of the bowlers, taking 3-25 as Pakistan were bowled out for 192 in a win that sees New Zealand leapfrog their opponents to the top of Group A.

Stand-in skipper Taylor, who deputised for Daniel Vettori who left the field after falling awkwardly, hurting his knee, said New Zealand looked at their score of 302 as "probably only a par total."

"I think it probably nipped around a little bit with the dew and the way that Abdul Razzaq (62) came out and batted very well our bowlers couldn't quite hold onto the ball at the end there, but we're pleased with the result."

"I had a bit of luck early on which I put down to my birthday but towards the end there I hit a few boundaries which was pretty sweet," said Taylor.

"One of our strengths is the power we have down the bottom and it showed today with the way Nathan McCullum batted and Jake (Oram)."

Team officials said Vettori, who has a history of back and knee injuries, was being assessed.

Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi said: "I don't have any excuse but I know we didn't

bowl well, we didn't field well, we missed opportunities and I think the fielding is the area where you can easily win a lot of games."

"I'm totally confident of my team and confident in myself that we're not going to repeat this performance," he added.

Meanwhile, England fast bowler Broad has been ruled out of the rest of the World Cup due to a side strain.

Broad, 24, joins teammate Kevin Pietersen on the sidelines after picking up the injury during his four-wicket haul in England's six-run win over South Africa.

Seamer Chris Tremlett is expected to replace Broad, but the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) needs official clearance first.

The ECB's chief medical officer Nick Peirce said the side strain was a new problem for Broad, who suffered an abdominal injury during the recent Ashes tour of Australia which caused him to miss the last three Tests.


"Stuart felt some discomfort following the South Africa match and our initial assessment indicated a strain to his left side," Peirce said.

"Subsequent scans have confirmed a significant side strain injury - where the muscle attaches the rib - that will rule him out of the remainder of the World Cup."

It is the second injury blow for England inside 24 hours after star batsman Pietersen left for home to undergo a hernia operation.

Pietersen will be replaced by Eoin Morgan.

Host nation India play the Netherlands on Wednesday in New Delhi in Group B.



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Gold Cup schedule set as Mexicans seek repeat



Group B featuring Jamaica, Honduras, Guatemala and Grenada.

The Mexicans have won five titles while the Americans have taken four and Canada has claimed one since the biennial event began 20 years ago.

The round-robin stage begins on June 5 at the 100,000-seat home of American

football's Dallas Cowboys with Cuba facing Costa Rica ahead of the Mexico-El Salvador clash.

The next day, Group B clashes begin at Los Angeles with Jamaica's Reggae Boyz facing Grenada and Honduras meeting Guatemala.

Group C matches begin on June 7 at Detroit's domed Ford Field with a US-Canada clash just a few miles from their common border and Panama meeting Guadeloupe.

"We are extremely excited for this year's Gold Cup and are completely confident that it will be the best ever," CONCACAF general secretary Chuck Blazer said.

NEW YORK (AFP) - Defending champion Mexico will face El Salvador in the opening double-header of the CONCACAF Gold Cup at Cowboys Stadium in Texas in the tournament schedule announced on Tuesday.

The North American regional governing body's 12-team championship tournament will be staged across the United States from June 5-25 with the Americans and Mexico favoured to reach the championship match at the Rose Bowl in California.

Mexico will join Costa Rica, El Salvador and Cuba in Group A with the hosts in Group C along with Canada, Panama and Guadeloupe and

Former players to testify in Bonds case

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - US home run king Barry Bonds has suffered a setback in court when a federal judge ruled that former Major League Baseball players will be able to testify in the famed slugger's perjury trial.

Bonds pleaded not guilty last week to four counts of perjury for denying to a grand jury in 2003 that he knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs and a charge of obstructing justice. His trial is scheduled to begin on March 21.

US District Judge Susan Illston decided to allow prosecutors to call upon former San

Francisco Giants teammates of Bonds and have them talk about their relationships with Greg Anderson, the former personal trainer of Bonds.

Anderson, among those convicted in the BALCO steroid scandal, already has gone to jail for refusing to testify to a grand jury looking into Bonds and said last week that he would not testify in the upcoming trial.

Illston warned him that could mean a return to jail for being in contempt of court.

That prompted attorneys for Bonds to argue that players' testimony should not be admitted into evidence be-

cause Anderson would not be able to substantiate their versions of meetings and conversations.

Instead, Illston ruled prosecutors could use player testimony to bolster their contention that Anderson supplied Bonds with the same steroids.

Veteran Jason Giambi is on the prosecution witness list along with several former players including Jeremy Giambi, former Oakland A's player Randy Velarde and ex-Bonds teammates Bobby Estalella, Armando Rios and Marvin Benard.

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Dead teen hoops hero becomes US icon



HOLLAND (AFP) - Wes Leonard, a 16-year-old high school basketball player who collapsed and died moments after his game-winning shot for an unbeaten team, was buried on Tuesday with national acclaim.

Family, friends, his Fennville High teammates and even students from other schools were among hundreds who gathered at Christ Memorial Church vowing

never to forget Leonard, who died of an enlarged heart last Thursday.

"Wes was larger than life," said Jim Leonard, Wes's uncle. "I never used or understood that cliché until the last four days."

Leonard's funeral and his orange-clad team received national attention on ESPN. One day earlier, Leonard's teammates defeated Lawrence 65-54 in their first

game since Leonard died while the late hero's parents watched.

"They showed you can rise up and for them to be here just blows my mind," said Fennville coach Ryan Klingler. "I think he was watching down on us. I think Wes would be proud of us all."

Last week, Fennville completed an unbeaten 20-0 season when Leonard sank the winning basket in over-time.

Leonard was lifted in the air by students in celebration but collapsed moments later and was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital in the small town near Lake Michigan in the north-central portion of the United States.

When Fennville took the court for their first playoff game against Lawrence at a sold-out 3,500-seat college arena, only four players walked onto the court, a tribute to their fallen teammate.

"They are never going to forget about him," Klingler said.

Ali-Frazier recalled 40 years later

TUCSON (AFP) - On the 40th anniversary of their epic boxing showdown, Muhammad Ali visited a baseball training camp on Tuesday with a charity message for superstars while Joe Frazier recalled his iconic victory.

Frazier won a unanimous 15-round decision over Ali at Madison Square Garden to keep his world heavyweight crown in what was the first of three battles of the titans, the other fights won by Ali in 1974 at New York and 1975 at Manila.

Ali visited the Chicago White Sox clubhouse at their pre-season training base in Tucson on Tuesday and received a jersey from the Major League Baseball club with the number 40 and "Champ" where names normally are stitched.

Anticipation was huge for Ali-Frazier in a pre-pay-per-

view era where closed-circuit broadcasts and round-by-round radio updates were the fastest ways to find out who won, the internet and portable phones mere fantasies.

Frazier, 67, called his victory over Ali the greatest of his career in an interview with ESPN, noting the taunts Ali had made about Frazier not being a true champion until he proved it in the ring against him.

Ali, now 69 and suffering from Parkinson's disease, was stripped of his heavyweight crown in 1967 after refusing to enlist in the US Army, an anti-war stance that would help make him a sport legend worldwide.

"I went out there and showed him what the country was all about and what Joe Frazier was all about," said Frazier, who taunted Ali by using his former name, Cas-

sius Clay.

"I wasn't going to let it hurt me in any way. I knew what kind of man I was. Let him make all the noise he wants."

Frazier dominated what became known as the Fight of the Century, knocking Ali down in the final round only to have him rise and take more punishment before the final bell.

Ali's wait to reclaim his heavyweight throne would have to wait another three years and wait for Frazier to lose the crown to George Foreman in 1973, stopped in the second round at Kingston, Jamaica.

Ali took a unanimous 12-round decision from Frazier in early 1974 as a prelude to his legendary eighth-round stoppage of Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire, in what became known as the Rumble in the Jungle.

Top-ranked trio grouped together at Doral

MIAMI (AFP) - World number one Martin Kaymer, second-ranked Lee Westwood and third-ranked Luke Donald will be paired together for the first two rounds at the \$8.75 million World Golf Championships Cadillac Championship.

Organizers of the event announced groups and tee times on Tuesday and seven threesomes were selected based upon their top-21 world rankings, including one that unites Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, frosty partners in past events.

Germany's Kaymer, England's Westwood and Englishman Donald, who jumped into the top three after his WGC Match-Play Championship title two weeks ago, will play together Thursday and Friday.

They start off the first tee on Thursday and second tee on Friday, both times in the early afternoon.

Kaymer - who along with Westwood and Donald was a member of last year's victorious European Ryder Cup team - was surprised by his father Horst for a short visit from Germany to celebrate his ascension to the top spot and congratulated by, among others, countryman Bernhard Langer, the first-ever world number one.

"He just said he's very proud of how I've kept every-

thing together, that I never really lose my focus on things. I don't lose the ground underneath my feet. He said, 'That is the most important thing and you do it very well.'"

The reigning PGA Championship title-holder has seen no change since taking over the top spot in the rankings.

"It doesn't change. I just don't see it as such a big deal," Kaymer said. "It is a nice thing, but it doesn't change my life. I'm maybe a little more busy, that's for sure, but besides that, nothing is changing."

What has changed is the home region of the world's top-ranked players, now a European group rather than a pack of Americans in the wake of a winless 17-month winless run by Woods.

"Obviously now where we are standing, four Europeans in the top four... it's just amazing what's going on at the moment," Kaymer said.

"It would be fantastic if Tiger comes back and finds his way back to his form. That would be great, to play against the greatest player whoever played the game in his top form and see if I can it still compete against him."

"I don't believe so, if he plays the same way that he played in 2000 I might struggle, but it would be nice to have that challenge."

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McMillan inks new Blazers deal

PORTLAND (AFP) - Nate McMillan signed a two-year NBA contract extension to remain as coach of the Portland Trail Blazers, team general manager Rich Cho announced on Tuesday.

The 46-year-old American is in his sixth season in the job, having compiled a 234-239 record as coach of the Trail Blazers. In 11 seasons as an NBA coach in Portland and Seattle, McMillan's record overall in 446-422.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to finish what we started," said McMillan. "I'm thankful for all the support that I've been shown along the way."

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who owns the Trail Blazers, praised McMillan's

efforts and the addition of new talent to help revive the team, whose lone NBA title came in 1977.

"Over the past 12 months we have made significant investments in this team, all keenly focused on assembling the right pieces to compete this year and in the future," Allen said. "I'm glad that after productive discussions, Nate is now committed to be our coach for two more years."

Portland struggled with losing records in McMillan's first two seasons as coach but reached 41-41 in 2007-2008 and 54-28 the following campaign to end a six-season playoff drought. Last season the Blazers went 50-32 and returned to the playoffs.

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League, union continue talks as clock ticks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - National Football League owners and players met for their 13th negotiating session with federal mediator George Cohen on Tuesday as a Friday deadline loomed to reach a new working agreement.

Billionaire owners and millionaire players were locked in talks over how to

divide \$9.1 billion in annual revenues after extending the expiring contract last week to Friday afternoon in hopes of making a deal.

The NFL Players Association can decertify itself as a bargaining agent before the deadline and send the squabble into a protracted anti-trust court fight while owners can

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